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is attached hereto
X was filed on December 27, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/033,543 and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
			YES NO
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